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ADMINISTRATION OF IDENTIFYING : 2455 South Road, Mail Station P386
CHARACTERISTICS : Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

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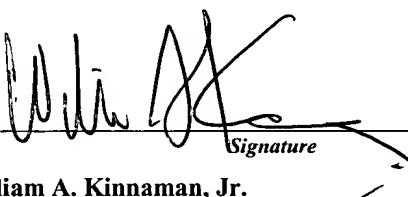
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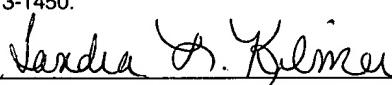
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